

REMARKS


Claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) over Mueller in view of Langley and Kent Jr. It is the Examiner's position that Mueller discloses a rod construction having a detachable rod section (16A). The claims have been amended to require that the vertical rods remain connected to the two sets of horizontal rods when the detachable rod sections are removed. The purpose of such a construction is to provide ease of assembly and disassembly of the claimed structure. As best shown in Figures 1 and 5, when the detachable rod sections are removed, the structure is easily foldable. When the rod structure is assembled, there is no need to attach the vertical rods since they are not detached.

In contrast, Mueller's detachable rod structure is detached from the vertical rods when it is disassembled. This requires that the vertical rods be reattached during rod assembly.

Neither Langley nor Kent Jr. supply the deficiencies of Mueller. Accordingly this ground of rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicant's claims define patentable subject matter and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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